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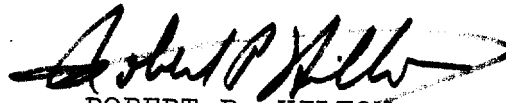
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, NSCIC WORKING GROUP

Subject: Proposed Agenda Item - Purpose of NSCIC WG

1. Review of the Proposed Program for the Working Group, which was distributed at the 12 March meeting of the NSCIC WG, raises certain fundamental questions as to the purpose of the NSCIC WG. The purpose should be examined now, because the Proposed Program requires members to direct time and manpower into activities over what could be an extended period. These activities will be helpful only if they contribute to the overall mission of the NSCIC and its Working Group.
2. The role of the NSCIC is evident from the NSCID establishing it. However, during the 12 March discussion of the Objectives for Intelligence and the DCI's Perspectives, it became evident that the role of the IC WG is not clearly perceived by all of us. There is a question whether the WG is commenting, helping to draft, or coordinating (in the sense of stating with delegated authority the views of a principal) in the preparation of guidance documents which will be directive in some manner upon the intelligence community. Similarly, the purpose or authority of the committees constituted by the WG to evaluate products needs to be clear.
3. At their initial meeting, the "reconstituted" WG expressly agreed to put aside the question of revising their TOR. Neither has the WG addressed the composition or TOR for the Intelligence Panel, which was recently established.

4. I consider that, it would be beneficial for the members of the IC WG to reexamine, early on, their role as a Working Group to the NSC Intelligence Committee. If the WG understand their own activities, then they would be better able to direct the activities of any subordinate elements they may elect to establish.



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